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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Examiner's attention is respectfully drawn to the enclosed documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

As this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that no fee is required for entry of this paper.

However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0230. A copy of an English-language translation of a

foreign search report in a related foreign application is enclosed to explain the relevance of non-English language documents included herein.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is not an admission that the documents identified herein constitute prior art to the present application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner considers and makes of record the documents cited herewith and that a copy of Form PTO-1449 be initialed by the Examiner and returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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